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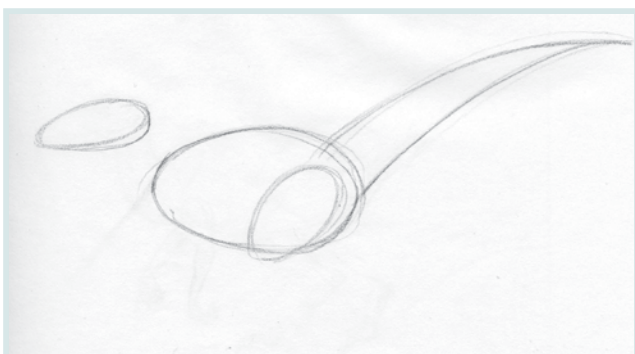
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**DRAW A
VELOCIRAPTOR**

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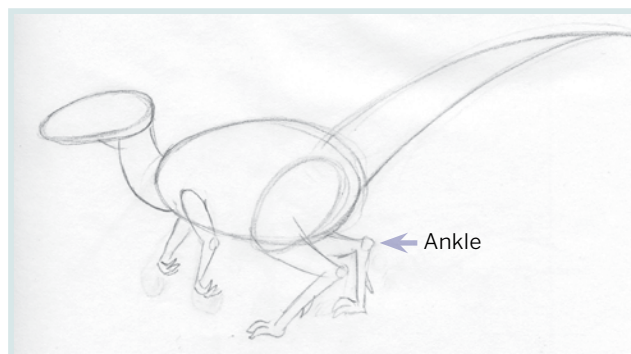
What you need

Pencil, eraser and watercolors or markers.

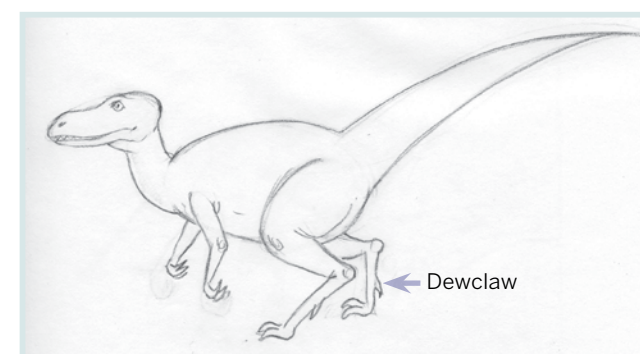
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1 There are no straight lines in this muscular dinosaur. Start with the three egg shapes that make up the head, body and thigh. The tail is a gentle arc, thick at the base and tapered to a point.



2 Another set of arcs form the neck and throat. Our raptor has small arms that are slightly bent at the elbow; its three fingers are curled. You will notice that the ankles are not on the ground. That's because it walks on its three toes. We can see only two of those toes, so we don't draw the third.



3 Erase your overlapping lines. You are ready to shape the head. There is a dip between the nostrils and the brow ridge. The curvy mouth is slightly open and is set low on the head. Add the dewclaws.



4 No one knows for certain what the surface of a velociraptor looked like. In 2007, scientists discovered quill knobs on a fossil in Mongolia that indicate it had feathers. Many scientists think wild turkeys of today are closely related to velociraptors of the Cretaceous period, but many think that its small arms would make flight impossible. In pencil, give your dinosaur any pattern or skin texture you like.



5 Watercolors work very well over pencil. Their transparency allows the texture and shading you have established in pencil to show through. I have painted purple, teal and yellow-gold washes on the body, limbs and tail of the raptor. A smaller brush works well on the face, where you may want to blend several of the colors you have chosen.

When your washes are dry, add touches of black paint with a small pointed brush. Your black lines will be easy to control if you blot the excess paint from your brush before applying it to your paper.

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